



Date: June 28, 2004
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF June 10, 2004
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Michelle Spence, Chairwoman
Mike Malbon
Mike Reed
Holly Carpenter
Randy Crawford
Bradley Whyte
Harry Hutton

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau
Doug Parsons, Superintendent, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Jeff Edwards, Supt., Marine Maint.
Mark Boone, Chief, Lifeguards, LBFD
Sue Prell, Sergeant, Marine Patrol
Vice Mayor Frank Colonna, Council Dist. 3
Avonne Gravel, Admin. Analyst, 3rd Dist.
Robert Lafoon-Villegas, Admin. Analyst, 2nd Dist.
Vic Sagers, Parks & Rec. Photographer

Commissioners Absent

Richard L. Miller, Vice Chair

Guests

Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Joe Segura, Press Telegram
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Carl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA
Chris Kozaites, former MAC Commissioner
Bud Johnson, former MAC Commissioner
Dan Shope
Ted Kuhn
Shawn Towell

Chairwoman Spence convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- The May 13, 2004, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Boatowner Dan Shope has a Temporary Permit in ABM. He stated that there was a new rule regarding the Temporary Authorization Policy (TAs), and wanted clarification on how it would affect his stay.

Mark Sandoval explained that the new TA Policy allows for three, three-month intervals for a total of nine months, and then the boatowner must be out of the marina for six months. This is so that the Waiting List will not be circumvented. In order to maintain the integrity of the Waiting List, the Bureau cannot allow boaters to stay temporarily in a slip for more than nine months.

Chairwoman Spence stated that during the rebuild there have been many changes, and that there needs to be some flexibility.

Mark Sandoval suggested that the Operations Committee review the new policy for better clarification.

Chairwoman Spence remarked to Mr. Shope that in his particular situation things got better and not worse, and that he needed to realize that many things would change as the rebuild goes on.

Carl Kirnbauer said that the purpose of the TA is to enhance revenue, and asked if a boater could go to the LBSM after his time was up in the ABM.

Mark Sandoval explained that ABM/LBSM/RBH are considered one marina system.

Chairwoman Spence stated that people on TAs should not be allowed to stay in the marina ahead of those who have been waiting on the list for years. She also commented that Mr. Shope and others benefited by the rule changes and were not penalized by them. She said that the Operations Committee would look into the new TA Policy, and that Mr. Shope was welcome to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Hutton asked that, for reference, a date be put on the finalized policy.

NEW BUSINESS

- Vice Mayor Colonna spoke to the MAC and said that he very much appreciated what the MAC accomplishes as a Commission.

Vice Mayor Colonna presented Mark Sandoval with the American Shore and Beach Preservation Award for restored beach enhancements.

He commented that the tide action last week caused the beaches to become a mess, and he thanked Mark Sandoval for doing an outstanding job on the clean up of the beaches.

Mark Sandoval replied that Jeff Edwards deserved the award for all his work done on the beaches over the last four years.

Vice Mayor Colonna commented that he saw the City's beaches on a TV show recently and that the water looked emerald blue, and the beaches were clean. This event gave the City a lot of national notoriety.

- Vice Mayor Colonna presented outgoing Chairwoman Spence with an award commending her for her work on the MAC, and acknowledged the giving of her spare time in volunteer service on the Commission over the last nine years. He also presented to her a clock given by Mayor O'Neill with an inscription commending her for her years of service to the City.

Mark Sandoval presented a pilot's wheel to Chairwoman Spence. The inscription read: "Presented to Michelle Spence in appreciation for nine years of outstanding and dedicated service on the Marine Advisory Commission, City of Long Beach, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, June 2004."

He commented that Chairwoman Spence has been an invaluable resource to him.

Chris Kozaites, former MAC Commissioner and current Parks and Recreation Commissioner, also commended Chairwoman Spence on the outstanding job she has done for her community, and said that the City of Long Beach owes her a debt of gratitude.

Chairwoman Spence thanked Vice Mayor Colonna for the award, and for presenting the inscribed clock from Mayor O'Neill. She also thanked Chris Kozaites for his kind comments. She then thanked Mark Sandoval, Doug Parsons, and all the Commissioners, and said that it was a pleasure to have been able to work with them.

- The MAC voted and elected a new chair and vice chair.

It was moved by Commissioner Malbon and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that Richard Miller be made the new Chairman and Bradley Whyte be made the new Vice Chairman of the MAC. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Doug Parsons gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of May.

- Doug Parsons reported that there are 46 vacant slips available to fill in LBSM, 12 in ABM, and 8 in RBH.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of May.

- Jeff Edwards said that the Maintenance Division might need to go out to contract to fill customer requests for service.
- The bike path at Boathouse Lane has been completed and access to the sidewalk is easier.
- Chairwoman Spence remarked that the additional landscaping to rest room 10N looks beautiful. However, the side that the trellis is on is being used as a soccer field, and the trellis is now ruined.

Jeff Edwards said that he would find a solution.

- Mark Sandoval remarked that the Veterans Memorial group is a volunteer group, and that it has been difficult to pressure them to move more quickly. However, they do appear active, and July 10 is the dedication date.
- A comment was made about the Wave Fountain at the Aquarium not having the capability to handle a full water presentation.

Jeff Edwards replied that it did function for a time, however, the infrastructure is too weak. The City won a lawsuit against the company who built the fountain, and was awarded \$150,000. Jeff said that the fountain would be repaired.

Mark Sandoval said that a seminar is being held at the Aquarium today and tomorrow to discuss expansion projects (including the Wave Fountain). The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy will award monies towards the repair of the Wave Fountain.

Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of May.

- Chief Boone reported that the water temperature has been between 69 and 71 degrees.
- Dave Ellis has been appointed Fire Chief.
- Fire cabinet inspections have been completed.
- The Junior Guard Program starts June 21. 470 people have signed up for the program.
- Activity at the North Shore of the Colorado Lagoon is picking up.
- Commissioner Malbon asked if there was still a problem with PWCs at 68th Place.

Chief Boone responded that he hasn't heard of any problems since Lifeguards started encouraging PWC users to go to Granada. And he said he hasn't heard of any issues regarding PWCs from Peninsula residents either.

- Commissioner Reed asked about Lifeguards working the bay side of the Peninsula, issuing tickets to owners whose dogs are off their leash.

Chief Boone responded that the law states that dogs must be on a leash.

Marine Patrol Report

Marine Patrol Sergeant Sue Prell reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of May.

- Sergeant Prell reported that the new PD Sergeant in charge of Marine Patrol (Sergeant Keleher) was on vacation and not able to attend the meeting.
- There were no incidents to report regarding the Gay Pride Parade.

Commissioner Malbon remarked that traffic in the area was not bad.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.

Operations Committee

Commissioner Carpenter reported that there were no new issues. At their next meeting the Committee will review the new TA policy.

- Mark Sandoval remarked that the reason he extended the TA Policy to a total of nine months (at three month intervals) was because he was trying to be customer friendly. He also stated that a TA would only be written if the full three-month interval could be provided, and that, as it gets closer to the renovation date, the Bureau might not be able to extend additional time.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on the Facilities Committee issues:

- Eight sections of pavers have been completed in the LBSM.
- Basin 8 has been completed and is now open.
- The developer who dumped dirt at Jack Nichol Park was going to sue the City for trying to force them to clean it up. The City has backed away. The dirt might have salt contamination.
- The sewer lift station at the Belmont Pier did not meet Water Department specifications.
- Modifications to the bike path east of the Belmont Pier are fifty percent complete. The bike path should be open by July 1.
- Mark Sandoval said that Concept Marine Associates (CMA) have been working with Connelly Pacific and the City Attorney on finalizing the details of the contract for the rebuild of the LBSM. The City Attorney has finished reviewing the contract. Mark has been working on editing the changes and comments made by the City Attorney, and has completed 70 per cent of the City Attorney's issues. Doug Parsons will work with the City Attorney and CMA to complete the remaining changes. The contract should be signed by the end of this month and in-the-water construction activity should occur in October.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Reed said he would contact David Kinley regarding the MAC web page, and asked the Commissioners for input on changes to the web page.
- Robert Villegas stated that Councilman Baker was out of town; however the Councilman wanted to thank Chairwoman Spence for her hard work done on the MAC.

- Robert Villegas commented that the “town hall” meeting in City Council Chambers regarding the LBSM rebuild went very well. It was open and informative.

Commissioner Whyte said that staff and the contractor did an outstanding job. They kept the meeting moving in the right direction. He stated that customers he spoke with were very pleased with the meeting.

- Mark Sandoval remarked that the Department is looking at marina slip pricing for wider slips, and a possible square foot slip fee for wider slips. He asked Chairwoman Spence to appoint a small committee to review this issue.

Chairwoman Spence appointed Commissioners Malbon, Hutton, Crawford and Whyte to sit on the committee. She said that the meeting would be noticed in order to allow other commissioners the opportunity to attend.

- Chairwoman Spence commented on the TA Policy, stating that allowing more than nine months in a slip is no longer a temporary stay.

Bud Johnson recommended that staff look into the legality of allowing a nine-month stay.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is set for July 15, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk